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Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio-controlled airplanes, helicopters, cars, and boats.

Your Notice of proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into affect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I would have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe hazard to people and / or property in the area.

I have been involved in this hobby for approximately 5 years. I own 2 radios and 5 model airplanes. In addition, I have numerous engines, filed accessories and other products needed to support my hobby. When you consider that there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of employment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown so much over the last 30 years and has so many investments in time and money by people nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Freeman

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Dear Sir(s),

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I have been interested in aviation for many years and I am now active in the Coeur d' Alene Aeromodeling Society whose 122 members enjoy building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules now under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), namely NPRM-PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the useability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band which is primarily used for private land dispatch operations. At this time our assigned frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we are able to share the band without any mutual interference. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. If this is adopted, many land frequencies will move closer to the model aircraft radio control frequencies and very likely cause interference with control of model aircraft. The proposed plan would effectively reduce good, available aircraft channels from about 50 down to 19.

When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators and spectators and protect property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is reduced as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model aircraft have wing-spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 35-40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft.

We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of the full complement of our assigned radio frequencies in order to insure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. Please consider that we have a substantial investment in our models and our radio equipment, that the hobby provides hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement of the aviation industry. Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by carefully considering the proposals in NPRM-PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

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